# Black Caucus in Congress Deplores Wallace Shooting

The Congressional Black Caucus yesterday deplored the shooting of Alabama's Gov. George Wallace and expressed their hope for his speedy recovery.

"The Congressional Black Caucus has disagreed on most issues with Mr. Wallace, as Governor of Alabama and as candidate for Democratic nominee for President," the 13 black members of the House of Representatives said in a statement. "On the other hand, we deplore and abhor the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace."

The Caucus said it was regrettable that violence rather than rational citizen participation still appeared to dominate American society. "It is saddening that our public officials and community leaders must be exposed to constant threats of death by those whose minds are sickened with violence," they added.

In other reactions, such disparate Democrats as Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley and presidential candidate Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) called for stricter gun control laws.

Mayor Daley, in an emotional news conference in Chicago, said there is "no reason for handguns being manufactured . . . or imported. Handguns are used to kill one another. You can't hunt with them. A handgun is an encouragement for you to shoot someone else or for him to shoot you." He said he hoped the shooting of Wallace would be "the opportunity to do some soul searching by the Congress to pass legislation" outlawing handguns.

"My God, we've had the killing of a President and his brother, the assassination of an outtanding religious leader, and now we have the shooting of a man who is a presidential candidate . . . My God, what kind of society have we? He (Wallace) has a right ot express his views if this is America without being hit with bricks."

Rep. Chisholm, campaigning in California for the June 6 primary there, called for strict control legislation to halt the nation's return to "barbarism."

Flanked by the Secret Service agents who were assigned to her after the shooting of Gov. Wallace, Mrs. Chisolm said, "We've had enough political assassinations and enough murders of just men in the streets in the past eight years to indicate that there's something wrong" with present gun control laws.

The Republican National Committee chairman, Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.), disagreed with those who blamed the shooting on a sickness in the society and charged instead that "Democrat candidates and others" who tolerate violence "could and should share the blame for violence when it occurs."

Dole noted that he disagreed with Wallace on many issues but added in a speech yesterday to the National Press Club, "Whatever disagreement there may be it does not prevent me from finding a certain irony—in this awful tragedy—that it should fall to George Wallace to reap the frightful whirlwind of the tolerance of a few in his own party for the violent tendencies of a few in this country."

Wallace's "strong showings" in the Michigan, Maryland and other primaries was "a Democrat protest vote by Democrats against Democrats," Dole said.

"And it is a protest vote against the kind of radical solutions proposed by those Democrats who have assumed control of their party — and who, like George McGovern, tell us our society is sick, and who, like George McGovern, seem to confuse politics with pathology."

Dole denied that the presence of "one disturbed and deranged man" signifies "more about the state of the society than the state of tthat one man's mind."

"I submit to those who would make that charge that they can't make it stick," Dole said.

The Soviet youth newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda," said, in the first Russian comment on the shooting, "This shooting is very typical of the whole country, of its morals and its spirit."

It said the shooting of Wallace in Laurel, Md., was "strikingly similar to what happened nine and four years earlier," refering to the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy. "Only the television technique has probably improved," the paper added, "because several minutes after the shooting the attempt was telecast in all its detail by video tape."